

1900-018 Chancery Causes: Margaret Dingus vs. G. W. Dingus
Lee Co.

Garrett, Roberts

CA-Divorce
T-Vices

To the Hon H. A. W. Skeen, Judge
of the Circuit Court for Lee County,
Virginia.

Your Oratrix, Margaret Dingus, humbly complaining would respectfully represent That heretofore about the 12 day of July 1896 she inter-married with one G. W. Dingus with whom she lived as her husband until Sept 1899 ~~1897~~ when they separated and have not lived together since as man & wife.

Your Oratrix as well as the G. W. Dingus are both residents of the County of Lee in the State of Virginia and have been so residing for more than 12 months before the institution of this suit & much longer.

Your Oratrix about the date of said separation or a short time since learned to her sorrow that the said G. W. Dingus had been unfaithful to her and was guilty of divers acts of adultery and possibly with different women.

Since the knowledge of the aforesaid act of adultery were brought home to her, Your Oratrix, has not lived with

with the said G. W. Dingus as a wife
& ceased to recognize him as her
husband, nor has lived with him
at all since & will never do
so again.

Your Oratrix states that they ~~only~~
had ~~no~~ no property worth men-
tioning. That ^{there} ~~they~~ was born to them
as issue of their marriage three
children namely, Lizzie, Cora
& Flora

who are infants under the age of
21 years, but as they are now
with their said father, she
has no objection to him having
the control of them.

The object of this Bill therefore
is to have a decree rendered dis-
solving the bonds of matrimony
heretofore existing between your
Oratrix & the said G. W. Dingus.

To that end she prays that
said G. W. Dingus be made a
party Defendant to this Bill &
answer the same but not on
oath that being waived. And for
all other further & general relief.

May supe issue &c.

Prudence Lewis

P. G.

Margaret Dingus

vs } Bill in Chcy

G. W. Dingus

1900 2nd Feby Rules
Bill filed Sp. Exd

" 1st March Rules taken
the last Monday in
Feby Cause set for
hearing by Plaintiff

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Margaret Dingus

G. W. Dingus

Puff } Inch.
 Depth }

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the Bill of the Plaintiff and the depositions of Witnesses was argued by counsel.

And it appearing to the court that process has been duly served on the defendant G. W. Dingus and it further appearing to the court from the depositions of witnesses that the defendant G. W. Dingus has been guilty of acts of adultery.

On consideration whereof it
is adjudged, ordered & decreed
that the bonds of matrimony
heretofore existing between ~~the~~

Margaret Dingus and G. W. Dingus be & the same are hereby dissolved & declared null & void. And it is further decreed that the defendants have the custody of the ^{said} children & it is further ~~and~~ adjudged ordered & decreed that the plaintiff recover her costs to be taxed by the clerk for which executions may issue if desired.

And this cause is stricken from the docket.

Margareh Dingus

vs } Deere

G. W. Dingus

Entered on Chy
P.B. No 6. P. 355

Enter this
H. A. W. Stone
March 6th 1900

(1)

The depositions of Ed. Roberts and James Parrett taken before me W.A. Owens a Notary Public for the County of Lee and State of Va. pursuant to a notice hereto annexed, at the residence of W.A. Owens on Blackwater Lee County Va. on the 2nd day of March 1900.

Between the hours of 8 o'clock A.M. and 6 o'clock P.M. is being read as Evidence in behalf of Margaret Dingus in a certain Suit in Chancery now pending in the Circuit Court of Lee County Va. wherein Margaret Dingus is Plaintiff and D.W. Dingus defendant.
Present Margaret Dingus Plff. and D.W. Dingus defendant.

James Parrett a witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Ques 1) by plff. Please state your age, residence & occupation?

Ans. by wit. - I am 23 years old reside in Lee County Va. and a farmer.

Ques 2) by plff. Are you acquainted with

Margaret Dinges and D.W. Dinges parties
to this Suit?

Ans. I am acquainted with both.

Ques (3) by same - Where do they reside, and if in
Lee County Va., how long have they so
resided?

Ans. I have known them about 3 years
and they have been residents of Lee
County ever since I have known them.

Ques. 4. Do you know of the said D.W. Dinges
being too intimate with any other
woman than his wife? If so state
all you know about it.

Ans. by wit. I saw him with another woman
at a Straw Stack in the night time
lying closely hugged up together several
different times. I have also seen the said
Dinges and another woman in the
woods together. I also know that the
said D.W. Dinges provided for the support
of Laura Harris who was not his wife
and that to my knowledge they were too
intimate.

Ques 5' Did the ^{Mr}Margaret Dingus on
D.W. Dingus please or arrange or get
you to see them for the purpose of making
a witness out of you?

Ans. They did not. I saw this before
I heard of the divorce suit.

Ques (6) Have the said Margaret Dingus and
D.W. Dingus gotten along together
for the last few years as man and
wife should?

Ans by wit. No they have been often separated
and have never agreed well together.

Ques (7) Please state if the said Margaret Dingus
+ D.W. Dingus has lived together lately
as man and wife?

Ans. by wit. No they have been apart for a
considerable time

Ques. 8 Please state how the said Margaret
Dingus got in possession of your knowledge
of these facts.

Ans by wit. The said Margaret Dingus
told me that Doc Kelly told her that
I knew all about it, and I admitted
that I did, and told her all about the
circumstance.

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Ques 7) Please State about what time this conversation took place?

Ans. by wit. It was about the time they last separated. And they have not lived together since.

And furthermore this deponent saith that,
James Garrett

Q) Witness Ed Roberts another witness of lawful age after being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Ques (1) by plaintiff.

Please State your age residence and occupation.

Ans. by witness - I am 21 years old, live in Lee County Va., and a farmer.

Ques (2) Are you acquainted with Margaret Dingers and Ed Dingers parties to this suit?

Ans by wit. I am acquainted with both. I have known them all my life.

Ques (3) Where do they reside? If in Lee County Va. how long have they so resided?

Ans by wit. They live in Lee County Va. and have so resided for a number of years.

Ques (4) by off.

Do you know of the said F.W. Dinges being too intimate another woman other than his wife? If so state all about it.

Ans. by wit. I saw the said F.W. Dinges as often as twice in bed ~~under~~ cover with one Laura Harris. And have seen him at different times in secret places with said Laura Harris.

Ques (5) Did you at any time see the said F.W. Dinges in secret with any other woman than the one mentioned ^{above}, and his wife?

Ans by wit. Yes I have seen him once with ~~with~~ another woman, in the woods. I know of my own knowledge that the said F.W. Dinges and Laura Harris was too intimate with each other for I have made arrangements myself for them to meet in secret.

Ques. 6. Did the said Margaret Dinges or F.W. Dinges plan or arrange

(3)

or get you to see them for the
purpose of making a witness of
what

Ans by witness. They did not.

Ques 7. Have has the said Margaret Dinges
and D.W. Dinges gotten along for
the last few years?

Ans by witness - To my knowledge they have
gotten along very bad ever since
they have been married. And have
been often separated.

Ques 8. Did you ^{hear a} conversation or quarrel
between the said Margaret Dinges
and D.W. Dinges in ^{which} she said that
Doc Kelly had told her, that he
had caught the said D.W. Dinges
and Laura Harris out together?

Ans by wit. I did hear said conversation
and the said Margaret Dinges asked
me if I knew any thing in regard
to said D.W. Dinges and Laura Harris
being so intimate with each other.
I told her I did.

Ques 9 by Plaintiff

Please State if the said Morgan
Jingus and D.W. Jingus has lived to-
gether lately as man and wife?

Ans by wit.

No They have not lived together
since she learned these charges which
has been sometime ago.

And further more this Depoent saith not
Ed ^{his} v Roberts
not

Virginia Lee County to wit:

J.W.A Owens a Notary Public in for
Lee County and State of Va. do certify that
the foregoing depositions of James Fomett
and Ed Roberts were duly taken
sworn to and subscribed before me
at the time, place and for the purpose
set forth in the caption above
Given under my hand. This march 20th
1900.

To G. W. Dingus,

You will please take notice on the 2^d day of March 1900 at the residence of H. A. Owens ^{in Lee County, Va} between the hours of 8 o'clock A.M. & 6 o'clock P.M., I will proceed to take the depositions of Ed Roberts & others, which when taken are intended to be read as evidence on my behalf in a certain suit in chancery now pending in the Circuit Court of Lee County, Va in which I am plaintiff and you are defendant. If said depositions are not begun or if begun & not completed at the said time & place the taking thereof will be continued from time to time & from place to place until completed
This Feb 26th 1900.

Margaret Dingus
by counsel -

Executed this

Feb 27 - 1900
by delivering a copy of
the within to Geo. A. P.
Dingus R. M. Live Day Dept -
for W. J. M. K. M.
G. L. C.

Received by mail and
filed Feb 27 1900

A. B. Munsey
Clerk

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

G. M. Dingus

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at the rules to be held
for the said court, on the *3rd* Monday in *February 1900* ~~189~~, to answer a
bill in chancery exhibited against *him* in our said court by *Margaret*
Dingus

And have then there this writ. Witness, A. B. MUNSEY, Clerk of our said Court, at the
court-house, the *6th* day of *February 1900* ~~189~~, and in the *124th* year of the
Commonwealth.

A. B. Munsey Clerk

Margaret Dingus
US. { SUBPOENA
IN CHANCERY

G. W. Dingus

Pridemore & Sewell q.

To 2nd Feby Rules.

1900 Circuit Court.

Executed Feb 6th
1900. by delivering
an affidavit & certified copy
to G. W. Dingus
W. J. Mulhane
J. L. C.